

## ABSTRACT

A method for the separate authentication of a template and of data  
5 inserted therein. A template is provided with a template ID and a template  
Data Authentication Code (DAC(t)). User data is inserted in the template,  
and then extracted to be handled separately. A DAC(d) is generated on the  
user data by itself, and stored in an Approval Data packet with the template  
ID, DAC(t) and the user data. The complete document with the template  
10 and the user data can later be reconstructed. The method may be useful for  
many industries that rely on templates as a means for collecting data.

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